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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 06-036

TO: Superintendents, Business Managers, Administrators, and Head Teachers
FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance
DATE: November 9, 2005
SUBJECT: Instructional Improvement Fund Allocation

The calculations for the first Instructional Improvement Fund (Indian Gaming revenues) payment of FY 2005-2006 are complete. This payment is based on IIF revenues received in the 1st quarter. Actual receipt of payment by districts and charters is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2005. Three additional quarterly payment calculations and disbursements are expected this fiscal year, and the amounts shall be determined by the respective quarterly revenues received. All monies received in FY 2006 will be distributed in FY 2006.

The *Instructional Improvement Fund* report (IIF 202-1) and ARS 15-979 C. detail the counts used to determine allocation of the Instructional Improvement Fund. The IIF report is available at <http://www.ade.az.gov/districts>. All monies received for the Instructional Improvement Fund to date have been distributed based on each district's or charter's *unweighted* attending student count.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-979 (D) & (E), these funds may be expended as follows:

- D. Each school district and charter school may utilize up to fifty percent of the amount of monies determined pursuant to subsection C for teacher compensation increases and class size reduction as provided in section 15-977.
- E. Monies that are not utilized as provided in subsection D shall be utilized for the following maintenance and operation purposes:
 - 1. Dropout prevention programs.
 - 2. Instructional improvement programs including programs to develop minimum reading skills for students by the end of third grade.

If you have questions concerning your Instruction Improvement Fund payment, please contact Lori Damanti via email at ldamant@ade.az.gov or by phone at (602) 542-3303.